

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting 25-19

WORK SESSION MEETING

BLAR GRAPHICS 800 325-8094 FORM NO 10148

Held OCTOBER 1, 20 19

The Work Session Meeting of the Warrensville Heights Board of Education was held on Tuesday, October 1, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at the Warrensville Heights High School, Room 154, 4270 Northfield Road, Warrensville Heights, Ohio.

President Mitchell called the meeting to order and asked the Treasurer, Dr. Michael A. Rock, to call the roll. The roll call revealed the following members present: Mrs. Michele Elba, Mr. Ray A. Freeman, Mrs. Millicent Gaiter, Ms. Traci Mitchell, Mrs. Barbara A. Mumin

Mr. Donald J. Jolly, II, Superintendent, also in attendance.

All other individuals used a sign-in log.

Pledge

President Mitchell requested all stand to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Agenda

Moved by Mrs. Gaiter and seconded by Mr. Freeman to accept the Agenda dated October 1, 2019.

Vote:

Ayes – Mrs. Elba, Mrs. Mumin, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Gaiter, Ms. Mitchell

Nays – None

Motion carried

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Facilities Construction

2.1 Steve Zannoni Owners Representative from PMC presented an update to the Board explaining the integral blinds change order for the new PK-5 Building. He explained the details of the change order and described the overall change order process. The primary reason for the change order is an OFCC Design Manual requirement and the change order is a result of the Architect omission of the integral blinds in the design document. Mr. Zannoni stated that the overall project budget has a remaining owner contingency of \$456,698.94 even though the change order is \$173,413.88. The Board asked multiple questions as to the warranty period and estimates of cost.

2.1 Moved by Mr. Freeman and seconded by Mrs. Gaiter to approve the revised Change Order Project No. SFC – 180437, Blinds in Windows— Integral blinds as directed in RFI 1049. This was not included in GMP pricing since none were shown on the design documents. OSDM Manual requires blinds in each class room window. Cost \$173,413.88, payable from Constructions Funds 004 and 010.

Vote:

Ayes – Mrs. Elba, Mrs. Mumin, Mrs. Gaiter, Mr. Freeman, Ms. Mitchell

Nays – None

Motion carried

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Facilities Update

2.2 Superintendent Jolly presented an update to the Board in regards to options for new administrative offices in Phase Two of the Facilities Master Plan which included: building within the new 6-12 campus, demo an existing building with new construction, lease office space, or relocate to an existing WHCSD building. Mr. Jolly asked the Board to allow him and Dr. Rock to research and potentially negotiate options for the District while utilizing the consultation services of Roetzel.

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2.2 Moved by Ms. Mitchell and seconded by Mr. Freeman to approve and authorize Mr. Jolly and Dr. Rock to expand upon the options for the District new administrative offices and to potentially negotiate in order to bring recommendations to the Board.

Vote:

Ayes – Mrs. Elba, Mrs. Gaiter, Mrs. Mumin, Mr. Freeman, Ms. Mitchell

Nays – None

Motion carried

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Resolution – HB70

2.3 Moved by Mrs. Elba and seconded by Mrs. Gaiter to approve the following Resolution to Repeal Ohio's School Takeover Law—House Bill 70:

Whereas, in violation of the law and without appropriate input from Ohio citizens, House Bill 70, a law permitting the state takeover of local schools, was signed into law in 2015; and

Whereas, HB 70 eliminates local democratic control and strips power from elected school boards, boards which provide a democratic voice for parents and community members to influence decision-making regarding public education; and

Whereas, under HB 70, school districts are subject to takeover based on their grades on state report cards; and

Whereas, the issuance of grades on state report cards is fundamentally flawed, as the components of the state report card system skew results in an unfavorable manner to urban districts; and

Whereas, data is clear that state report cards directly correlate to the socioeconomic status of the students in the district—the median annual income on average for the school districts that will be taken over under HB 70 by 2020 is \$25,717; and

Whereas, the school districts have already been taken over or will be taken over under HB 70 by 2020 are predominantly comprised of minority students; and

Whereas, knowing that the state report card, on which school takeovers are based, is flawed, no corrective or punitive action should be taken based thereon; and

Whereas, the school takeovers that have occurred under HB 70 have not been successful, have not lifted up the schools or communities, and in fact have caused great strife, turmoil, and insecurity among the students, employees, and community, and have resulted in legal action on various fronts; and

Whereas, the school takeovers to date have in no way supported or enhances the education or well-being of the students in those districts, when the students should be the focus of all school-related action, and in fact have caused significant disruption to the students' education; and

Whereas, school takeover policies in this and other states have failed to raise student achievement and have created disruptions, dissension and upheaval for students, parents, and community members; and

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Whereas, high-quality opportunities for all students require additional resources, including better access to health and social services, early childhood education, and academic enrichment programs which are the cornerstone of improved outcomes for Ohio's children, and state takeovers do nothing to provide these much-needed resources.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Education of the Warrensville Heights City School District supports the complete and immediate repeal of HB 70 and the enactment of HB 154, which restores local control and focuses on the improvement of student outcomes.

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its adoption.

Vote:

Ayes – Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Mumin, Mrs. Gaiter, Mrs. Elba, Ms. Mitchell

Nays – None

Motion carried

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Moved by Mr. Freeman and seconded by Mrs. Gaiter to approve the following consent agenda items 2.4 and 2.5:

- 2.4 Approve a field trip for CTAG students to travel to Columbus, Ohio, to attend the "My Brother's Keeper" Luncheon, on Wednesday, October 2, 2019. Transportation will be provided by a charter bus, compliments of Bob Ivory.
- 2.5 Approve an out of state field trip from the WHHS Band to attend the Homecoming at Kentucky State University in Frankfort, KY, on October 12, 2019. Cost \$3,630.00, payable from Marching Band Fund.

Vote:

Ayes – Mrs. Elba, Mrs. Mumin, Mrs. Gaiter, Mr. Freeman, Ms. Mitchell

Nays – None

Motion carried

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Executive Session

Moved by Mr. Freeman and seconded by Mrs. Gaiter that the board enter into executive session to consider appointment, employment, promotion, with respect to a public employee or official.

Vote:

Ayes – Mrs. Elba, Mrs. Mumin, Mrs. Gaiter, Mr. Freeman, Ms. Mitchell

Nays – None

Motion carried

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(Entered into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m.)

(Returned to Public Session 7:57 p.m.)

Adjournment

Moved by Mrs. Gaiter and seconded by Mrs. Mumin that the board adjourn the meeting.

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Vote:

Ayes – Mrs. Elba, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Mumin, Mrs. Gaiter, Ms. Mitchell

Nays – None

Motion carried

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Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

2/7/2020
DATE

[Signature]
PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

[Signature]
TREASURER